

You all know that there have been unauthorized disclosures of classified information which have undercut our policies, hurt relationships with other countries and damaged intelligence capabilities. Unless we take the leadership to restore discipline in handling information, we will continue to sustain irreparable damage day after day.

There have been 270 leaks of intelligence information over the last 18 months. If we are going to protect classified information, we must do these things:

1. Establish rules governing prior authorization for release of classified information and maintain records of these actions.

2. Establish procedures for press contacts, including a record of actual subjects discussed.

3. Establish a small interagency group to keep track of unauthorized disclosures damaging to foreign policy, defense policy and intelligence. This group would be charged with prioritizing disclosures for forwarding to the Justice Department for investigative action.

4. Establish a specialized Do~~s~~ and FBI investigative unit to conduct investigations for disciplinary as well as prosecutory purposes. It should use all appropriate methods in conducting these investigations, including polygraph.

5. Establish an educational and public relations program to sensitize Government employees and contractors to these new rules and to explain to the public.

6. Each department of the Government should establish its own rules appropriate to the information they are required to protect. I will establish procedures for those entities dealing with classified intelligence information.

7. Enforce the "third agency" rule on release of classified information.

8. Put in¹⁰ Executive Order in next 30 days.